

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9 March 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6-14 and 16-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on 9 March 2006 have been received and entered. Claims 1-2, 6-14 and 16-25 as amended are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 6-14 and 16-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention teaches extendable architecture applications that allow versioning, updating, and remote configuration of peripheral devices such as printers via a web application server. Each of the independent claims identify the unique feature of the loading mechanism configured to deliver a first application in a first, dedicated servlet to the one appliance and deliver the second application in a second, dedicated servlet to the another appliance where the second, dedicated servlet is unique from the first, dedicated servlet, the loading mechanism being configured to automatically update one of the first dedicated servlet and the second dedicated servlet responsive to a user locally changing desired settings for one of the one appliance and the another appliance, respectively. The closet prior art, Yan et al. U.S. Patent 6,003,065 and Inoue et al. U.S. Patent 6,456,388 teach an appliance application loading system for a network environment that has a loading mechanism operative to download applications to appliances from the web application server upon the occurrence of a power on/off cycle, the application body being accessed by the URL associated with an application, upon detection of an application header. In the case of the Yan reference, Yan et al. teach a loading mechanism that downloads

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applications to peripheral devices such as printers. In the case of the Inoue reference, Inoue et al. teach an application header stored on the storage device and the URL associated with an application being initialized to access the application body when the loading mechanism detects the application header. However, the prior art fail to teach the loading mechanism configured to deliver a first application in a first, dedicated servlet to the one appliance and deliver the second application in a second, dedicated servlet to the another appliance where the second, dedicated servlet is unique from the first, dedicated servlet, the loading mechanism being configured to automatically update one of the first dedicated servlet and the second dedicated servlet responsive to a user locally changing desired settings for one of the one appliance and the another appliance, respectively. Thus, the prior art fails to teach or render the above limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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